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### EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Touching them all

*Outreach program connects young families with child care, social services, schools*

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This week, most Agawam children are going back to school. But all through the year, for the youngest children in town, school comes to them.

Michelle Connery is the Agawam School Department's roving ambassador among families in town with infants and toddlers.

Call her office phone number — 413-821-0597 — and you'll likely be asked to leave a message. When she's at work, she's probably running a preschool children's program at the library, the YMCA, the Early Childhood Center or one of the churches in town; making a house call to a parent who needs advice on child care, child development or children's activities in town; or touching base with the Housing Authority or social service agencies to find more young families in town she can help.

"There's no way I could do what I do and hide behind a desk," she said in an interview earlier this year.

At a School Committee meeting in May, board members lauded Connery and



Rachelle Hannoush, 3, plays with a stuffed ladybug.

Kalli Comee, 4, shows off her painted hands after drawing with bugs at an Agawam Family and Community Program and Agawam YMCA event on Aug. 20. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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### ROAD SAFETY

## Rotary still tops list for dangerous intersection in town

*New lanes' effect not seen yet; fixes coming for other crossings*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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A dozen years ago, as part of its Community Development Plan, the town identified five problematic intersections as Agawam's most dangerous. More than a decade later, two have seen no improvements, though fixes are planned for 2017.

Massachusetts Highway Department statistics from 2002 showed the Agawam Rotary, with

four outlets and five inlets, as by far the town's most accident-prone crossing, with an average of 43.5 accidents per year in the preceding four years.

The state Department of Transportation's most recent ac-

cident statistics are for 2013, and show 60 accidents in and around the rotary, which connects River Road and Meadow Street with Route 5, Route 57 and the South End Bridge.

Those statistics don't tell the whole story for the rotary today, said Mayor Richard Cohen. Two

years ago, the state painted new lane markings in the rotary, adding a second lane on the northern half of the circle to separate Route 5 and Route 57 traffic.

"I am told that accidents have reduced in the past year since the

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### Welcome back



Agawam High School junior Jacob Hampton, left, gives freshman Xander Pacheco his 2015-16 student handbook during freshman orientation on Aug. 28. Grades 1-12 returned to classes Thursday. More photos on pages 12-13. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

### MENTAL HEALTH

## Forums planned for dementia awareness

By Mike Lydick  
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Melinda Bolduc wants to make Agawam the second community on the East Coast to become "dementia friendly."

Bolduc, dementia program director at Heritage Hall North nursing facility in Agawam, will be reaching out this fall to the community to raise awareness about the disease by holding public forums at the town library and the senior center. She's modeling the program after a similar one in Westfield. That city recently was designated as a dementia-friendly community by the Alzheimer's Society.

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Melinda Bolduc, dementia program director at Heritage Hall North nursing facility in Agawam, wants to make Agawam "dementia friendly." This fall, she will hold public forums in town to raise awareness about dementia. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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Heritage Woods to host free presentation Sept. 16

Heritage Woods Senior Living will host a free presentation titled “Six Steps to a Successful Move,” a discussion on moving later in life, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 462 Main St., Agawam.

Mark Liberatore, president of Caring Transitions, will provide six crucial tips to make moving an elder more manageable and less stressful. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register for the program, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.



Kiwanis Club “Dancing with the Local Stars” team members and stars, are shown, from left, Alan Sirios, Brittany Decker, event director David Bovat, Jen Peterson, Katy Schurr, Dina Delbuono, Jenna Alimberti, Carol O’Leary, Abbe McLane and Zach Schurr. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kiwanis to host ‘Dancing with the Local Stars’

The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield and Agawam will sponsor “Dancing with the Local Stars” Friday, Oct. 16. The fundraiser will be held at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

This year’s stars are Ron Cam-purciani, West Springfield chief of police; Jim Cichetti, Agawam

city councilor; Brian Clune, West Springfield city councilor; Dan D’Angelo, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of West Springfield; Brittany Decker, television news reporter; Abbe McLane, attorney; Michael Richard, West Springfield superintendent of schools; Alan Sirois, Agawam fire chief; and John Weiss, a

member of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce, West Springfield Rotary and West Springfield Licensing Board.

Tickets are available after Sept. 8 at West Springfield Federal Credit Union, 58 Union St., West Springfield, or by calling Betty Melchiori at 413-786-8727.

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# Council, clerk joining digital future

Agendas, ordinances, records to be available electronically

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The town of Agawam has begun the process of transferring many of its documents and records over into Laserfiche for preservation.

Ultimately, Agawam City Council President Christopher Johnson hopes, it will provide a usable database not only for the council, but for the entire town.

The Laserfiche document-preservation was the subject of a City Council workshop held early in August. There, Johnson and the rest of the council discussed how they would like to see their documents and records be scanned.

The work is being done by the council's administrative assistant, Barbara Bard.

Bard has already scanned agendas and minutes from council meetings for the past two years. Johnson has two goals for the records. The first is that the database become searchable for members of the City Council.

By having a searchable database for ordinances and resolutions, a city councilor can do research on his or her iPad tablet to be prepared for an agenda item when it comes up at the meeting.

Johnson, who is on the board at Springfield Technical Community College, recently led the council's transition to using iPads for sending and receiving council information.

Utilizing an application called Board Paq, councilors send and receive their agendas and supporting documents.

There is also an application known as Laserfisch Mobile that was released in 2012.

Eventually, Johnson, he would like to see information become available to all citizens on some type of a database. It could benefit residents who want to research town laws or learn about ordinances that may apply to a particular situation, as well as prepare them for citizens' speak time at council meetings.

Currently, a limited database is available through the town clerk's office. Town Clerk Richard Theroux says the public can come in and receive faster service to obtain birth, marriage, or death records dating back to 1920.

"The other advantages are that it keeps records that are older from being handled," said Theroux. "And it modernizes our records keeping."

He said some issues need to be worked out. He says records obtained through laserfiche do not have the town seal on it and therefore cannot be used as official documentation in certain situations. He also said new laws need to be passed to protect people's privacy.

"We definitely want more transparency and access to records," said Theroux. "But right now anyone can come in and look for a birth certificate. They can take that and



Agawam City Council Administrative Assistant Barbara Bard accesses past council documents through a database created with Laserfiche technology. In the future, the town hopes to have a searchable database of council agendas, minutes, resolutions, and records for city councilors and, some day, the public. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

do dishonest things with the information on it."

The office received about \$10,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to purchase the technology needed to Laserfiche records. The clerk's office has scanned birth certificates into the system.

Residents looking for information can go to the town clerk's office and request records. However, the ability to search for records is still in its infancy.

The council discussed whether or not supporting information to go with every

resolution should be scanned into the system. A consensus of the council agreed it was not time to do that and to get the actual resolutions, ordinances, agendas and minutes into the system first. Other situations could be approached individually.

Theroux, who is now running for council, praised the council's use of Laserfiche, and hopes it becomes a valuable tool to the council's and residents in the future.

"That is the people's business," said Theroux. "And it should be available for them to access."

## Vendors, crafters sought for Oct. 17 fair

St. John the Evangelist Guild is seeking crafters for its fourth annual Vendors Fair to be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The event will take place at the St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam. An eight-foot table will be provided at no charge. Doors open

to vendors at 7:30 a.m. for preparation and set-up. Free lunch is provided for all vendors and crafters. Application deadline is Sept. 19.

For more information and applications, call Sandy at 413-786-8024.

## YMCA to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam YMCA will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun the third Monday of each month, with the exception of December. This month's trip is scheduled for Sept. 21. The bus

will leave the YMCA parking lot at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a \$15 meal ticket and two \$10 big wheel tickets. To reserve a seat, call Helen at 413-786-8685.

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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## State made right call on roadwork

Judging by accident statistics, it looks like Agawam's dangerous intersections have gotten a little less dangerous over the past decade.

Nowhere is the trend starker than the southern end of Main Street, where the entrance to Six Flags New England was once the fourth most accident-prone crossing in town. In 1999-2002, the park saw an average of 24 accidents per year. Now, after a redesign of the parking entrance, there was only one accident in 2013, the last year for which statistics are available.

Other engineering projects are making the town's other problem intersections safer. The statistics aren't in yet, but the new lane markings on the Agawam Rotary appear to be having an effect on what remains the town's most dangerous roadway.

A more traditional highway interchange on the Agawam side of the South End Bridge — the "flyover bridge" concept favored by Mayor Richard Cohen — would likely make traffic flow less confusing, and therefore safer. Rotaries work best with local traffic, people who pass by the same way on their daily commute, who know where they're going and can spare some attention to managing a safe yield, entrance and exit from the traffic circle. But in the summer, the Agawam Rotary is inundated with out-of-towners being distracted by kids in the back seat who are already fighting over which Six Flags roller coaster to go on first, or which Big E attraction to visit first, as soon as the car crosses the river.

But new bridges cost money, a lot more money than paint. The addition of a second lane on the north side of the circle seems to be a good compromise at a bargain price, though we won't know for certain until the 2014 accident statistics are released.

The funds saved on the rotary mean the state can fund other projects. And the two big projects that the state has chosen for the coming years in Agawam — reconstruction of Feeding Hills Center and the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge — are sorely needed.

Both intersections are chokepoints for drivers commuting to, from or through Agawam, and were clearly designed for a much lower volume of traffic. The bridge sits at the end of Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, a four-lane boulevard running past the Big E and shopping plazas directly to downtown Springfield. On the Agawam side, traffic splits into three directions — down Springfield, Suffield and Main streets — and that's not to mention the substantial through traffic on this side of the bridge, with the combination of Main and Springfield streets forming the quickest route from Agawam Center to North Agawam and Feeding Hills. Or the local traffic destined for plazas on Springfield Street and shops on Walnut Street Extension.

In Feeding Hills, traffic backs up behind left-turning traffic from Southwick Street and Springfield Street because there's no dedicated turning lane. Impatient drivers cut into the right-turn-only lane to go straight — an illegal move, and a dangerous one, as they are hidden from oncoming left-turning traffic until the last minute. The addition of a drive-through Dunkin' Donuts that can only be reached via North Westfield Street will only make the problem worse. Accidents will continue to mount until the intersection is re-engineered.

Fortunately, fixes are on the horizon. Until then — look twice and stay safe.

What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).



## Letters to the Editor

### Time to stop wasting money on town golf course

In the lead story of the Aug. 27 issue regarding the upcoming mayoral election, the newspaper notes that, "Clark said the mayor is wasting money on the municipal golf course. ..."

I love the game of golf. As a young boy, I followed Jack Nicklaus and "Big 3 Golf" and putted a ball around the yard. I began playing on golf courses in the Springfield area upon becoming a teenager.

Feeding Hills/Agawam Country Club was one of those courses. Buddy Czelusniak, the course owner in the '70s, and his son Jimmy were people I played many rounds of golf with "back in the day." Currently, I no longer play due to "doctor's orders," but still follow the game. The other night, I watched the movie, "The Greatest Game Ever Played" (about the 1913 U.S. Open playoff in Brookline — Francis Ouimet, Henry Vardon, Ted Ray), which I've seen many times. It still brings a tear to my eye quite often throughout its two-hour run time.

Today, Agawam Municipal Golf Course struggles to cover its current operating ex-

penses. Clubhouse facility improvements, paving, new golf carts and new mowing equipment have been paid for with \$400,000 of general tax revenues in recent years. The mowing equipment purchase was proposed by the mayor and approved by all council members in June, except Mr. Rheault. As sad as it is for me to say, we must stop throwing good money after bad on our golf course.

The availability of golf courses in the last couple of decades has increased, initially due to development and more recently due to private courses encouraging public access. Over the same time, the demand for playing times has declined due to societal changes. Agawam Municipal Golf Course should be put up for sale, whether to a private party who believes he can "make a go" of the course, or a developer who wants the property for use within reasonable zoning law. It's wrong to throw away taxpayer money even if it's on the game I love.

**Brian D. Halla**  
Agawam

## JAY SPEAKS

### A legend in his own vacation time

I have become a legend at our "Road Scholar" program at Pilgrim Pines in New Hampshire. How did this happen?

The first incident happened when Kitty and I took a canoe out on the lake. We had a peaceful paddle around the shoreline and across the water. Then, coming into the shore and dock, I was too fast in getting out of the canoe and did not heed Kitty's warning to "stay low."

The next thing that happened was the canoe tipped and Kitty was tossed into the water. Fortunately, there were a couple of young guys nearby and they rescued her. She was soaked and I didn't fare much better.

The second part of the legend story is my golf adventure. Our friend Ronnie asked me if I would play a round of golf with her. I protested that I did not bring my clubs with me. However, she had heard that the management had a few sets of clubs available for borrowing. I followed the instructions to where the clubs were stored and as I walked in, there was a handsome set of clubs, mounted on a golf cart, just waiting to be used. Ronnie suggested that I measure it to be certain that they were a proper length for me.

I ignored that thought, saying, "There is nothing that can make my game any worse than it is." With that, we trundled the carts down the lane to the first tee. Ronnie took a few practice swings and I pulled out my driver from the bag. Miracle of miracles ...

it was set of left-handed golf clubs! (and I am right-handed) Well, we shared Ronnie's clubs and played the round anyway. My legend was secure.



Jay Berger

Now I am greeted by any newcomer or long term returnee with the following: "Oh Jay, you're the guy that dropped your wife into the lake from the canoe." Or, "Oh, Jay, you're the guy who plays with left-handed clubs."

Neither of these insults can dampen my enthusiasm for "Road Scholar" programs, particularly at Pilgrim Pines. Road Scholar, formerly "Elder Hostel," have been increasing in popularity for many years. They can take place at universities and colleges, religious institutions, cruise ships, overseas.

The programs send out catalogs many times during the year, spelling out the programs available for people to respond to, as well as on the Internet. Theoretically, they were originally for retired people, but as the years went on the eligible age went down to 50 years. The ones we have attended, by and large, had populations of 70 years or greater.

The programs take place all year long and, if on a college campus, the sleeping arrangements are in a motel or hotel. Classes will be in a conference room. Typically there will be three subjects taught and the instructors will be professionals or professors in that field.

The costs for the programs are quite



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# Obituaries

## Wesley E. Bradford, 93

Wesley Everett Bradford (May 19, 1922 – Aug. 27, 2015) left a legacy of kindness, generosity, and love.

Born the eldest of nine children to Everett and Fannie (Hersey) Bradford in Waterford, Maine, Wesley was a responsible son and brother, helping often to care for his younger siblings, the family household chores and farm work.

A World War II veteran, Wesley served in the 82nd airborne as a rifleman paratrooper behind enemy lines participating in the European Theater, including the Battle of the Bulge. Wesley suffered three separate injuries earning three purple hearts. Also, he wore the Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Order of Wilhelm, three Battle Stars on the ETO ribbon and the American Defense Ribbon.

After his military service, while earning a bachelor's degree in dairy husbandry at the University of Maine in Orono, he volunteered to fight fires on Cadillac Mountain (Mount Desert Island) in Maine during the great fires of autumn 1947. Wesley worked much of his life on farming and dairy employments in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, finally retiring from H.P. Hood in Agawam.

On June 18, 1955, Wesley married a beautiful and kind spirited wife, Ann Mary Hoffman of Narragansett, R.I. They raised four children, Peter, Ruth, Forrest, and Polly, and were foster parents to Charlie Martin of Goffstown, N.H. In later years, they sponsored several foreign exchange students, welcoming them into the family, who have remained in contact with them since: Meike Mentzel, Bogie Buyandelger and Ed Aganda.

He was active in various churches for decades, serving with the most sincere goodness of heart as a treasurer and deacon. Later in life, Wesley and his wife, Ann Mary, volunteered for numerous causes, advocating for the support of those suffering inequality and ostracized via misunderstanding in society, including NAMI for the mentally ill and PFLAG for LGBT parents and youth. Together, they were active members of their local community, serving positions in the Historical Society, Garden Club and Friends of the Library.

Wesley had many interests and was known for his zest and outlook of life. His memory was lucid and clear and remained so until the end. This was appreciated by family, who cherished the many early Maine family stories. He loved his flower and vegetable gardens and maintained a well-groomed yard that was admired by all who visited. In his younger years he was an avid bird watcher, hiked mountains, and loved walking in the woods and fields in the neighborhoods where he lived. Through the years he loved dearly his different dogs, treating them (often daily) to long walks through public lawns, local woods and a nearby pond. The greatest gift that enshrined Wesley's life was his ability to love.

Wesley is survived by his daughter Ruth and husband Bill Haley of Hampden, son Forrest Bradford of Agawam, and daughter Polly Bradford of Port St Lucie, Fla.; and grandchildren Dana Ramponi, Christy Ramponi, Will Haley and Dylan Haley. He is survived by his brothers, Lester Bradford and his wife Winnie of Mount Vernon, Wash., Philip Bradford and his wife Lee of Cheshire, Conn., and his sister Carolyn and husband Bob Williams of Topsham, Maine; his brother-in-law Gerald Fitzgerald of Rochester, N.H.; and sisters-in-law Betty Bradford of Westport, Maine, Lynette Bradford of Turner, Maine, and Dorothy Bradford of Havelock, N.C. He was pre-deceased by his wife Ann Mary (Hoffman) Bradford; his brothers, Albert Braford and first wife Alice, Elon Bradford, Robert Bradford and first wife Phyllis; and his sisters: Laurestine and husband Warren Drury, and Helen Fitzgerald. Wesley also had his life



filled with many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

He departs from many neighbors who considered him part of their family, many friends in Agawam and nearby communities, and also in towns wherever he lived prior. One particular young neighbor, looking out his classroom window and noticing Wesley and Forrest walking a dog around the large field at a local elementary school, took it upon himself to introduce himself and check on Wesley's well-being and cheer during the last four and a half years of his life. Jacob Cavanaugh, now becoming a remarkable young man, shared many walks, afternoons playing cards, dogs, many a conversation, a school play, and introduced his kind family to Wesley.

There will be a private family service held in North Waterford Congregational Church in Maine, of which Wesley's family has been a part for five generations, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 5. Following this on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 3 p.m., will be a short memorial service for local friends and neighbors held at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery on Main Street in Agawam. Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation is entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit [www.forastire.com](http://www.forastire.com) to share a memory or message of condolence.

## Francis W. Euliano. 71

Francis W. Euliano Jr., 71, of Feeding Hills, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at Baystate Medical Center.

Born Aug. 11, 1944 in Hartford, Conn., a loving son of Frank and Glenna Mae (Lackard) Euliano, he was an avid golfer, but most of all, his family was his life, enjoying every moment he had with them.

Francis leaves behind the love of his life, his wife of 43 years, Susan (Vrenna) Euliano; his son, Joseph Potter of Agawam; his granddaughter, Emily Potter of Feeding Hills; and his brother, Richard Euliano of West Suffield, Conn.; along with many beloved friends.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held Sept. 12 at Sacred Heart Church, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, beginning at noon. Calling hours will be before the liturgy beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Francis' name to a charity of one's choice or to Sacred Heart Church.

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### DEATH NOTICES

**Becker, Lois V.**  
Died Aug. 27, 2015  
Funeral Sept. 1, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
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**Bradford, Wesley E.**  
Died Aug. 27, 2015  
Memorial Service Sept. 10, 2015  
Massachusetts Veteran's Cemetery  
Agawam  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation

**Chartier, Paul P.**  
Died Aug. 23, 2015  
Celebration of Life Aug. 27, 2015  
Tewksbury Funeral Home

**Clarke, Richard N.**  
Died Aug. 30, 2015  
Funeral Sept. 3, 2015  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
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**Dudley, Alfred**  
Died Aug. 28, 2015  
Funeral Sept. 2, 2015  
Agawam Funeral Home

**Euliano, Francis W.**  
Died Aug. 23, 2015  
Funeral Sept. 12, 2015  
Sacred Heart Church  
Feeding Hills

**Parker, June M.**  
Died Aug. 21, 2015  
Private funeral  
Byron Keenan Funeral Home and  
Cremation Tribute Center  
Springfield

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reasonable, inasmuch as they include the food, sleeping arrangements, classes and recreation arrangements.

Our program was at a conference center run by the Evangelical Covenant church. All denominations are welcome. The three classes had to do with opera, with a Metropolitan Opera star conducting the class; the differing qualities of sound and lyrics in Requiems between Beethoven, Brahms and Verdi; and sacred jazz, a new form of musicology.

Three programs typically run from Sunday afternoon until Friday afternoon. We were busy from 7 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. each day. I thought that surely everyone would forget about my legend. However, as we were walking to our car after lunch on Friday, I heard, "Have you dried out, Kitty, since Jay dropped you into the lake?" ... And, "So long, Lefty, keep swinging those clubs!" Darn.

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*

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Robin Fernandes, the director of the Early Childhood Center, who also works on the Agawam Family and Community Program.

"The networking you're doing is probably some of the best networking I've seen, ever, in this town," said Anthony Bonavita. "The impact you're having on ... families that would never have been involved in the process if you hadn't gone out there and found them."

Connery told the committee she has a database of more than 600 email addresses of parents in town. She's built that list through hard work — such as running the homelending library, which delivers bags of books to children whose parents might not have the time to get to the town library.

"I text these moms every two weeks, dropping off 5-8 books," Connery said. "This has been huge in reaching hard-to-reach families. It's a very non-threatening way to reach a family, with something free."

For families that are new to Agawam — or new to the United States, for that matter — it can make all the difference.

"If their child's not already in school, just getting information about what's available — that's a huge burden," Connery said.

It's more than getting books into a child's hand or letting a mother know about peer networking. By opening a line of communication between the schools and the

family, Connery can help identify children who would benefit from an early intervention program, and can help families make a seamless transition to kindergarten.

Wendy Rua called the program "a model of how we can do better" in parent outreach at the town's public schools.

In addition to outreach, the Family and Community Program runs several events, activities and information sessions for young children and their parents, throughout the year, such as the annual "Keys to Kindergarten" talks, playgroups, "Learn, Play and Grow" STEM evening activities, parent cafes and "Mom to Mom," just to name a few.

Most of those events are open to residents of any town, not just Agawam. Other towns have similar grant-funded programs; many have banded together to offer their services regionally. Southwick, for example, is served by a regional outreach program based in Ludlow.

Grant funding for Agawam's program — \$37,500 per year — is actually "near the bottom" when compared to similar programs throughout the state, said Fernandes, and about half of what it once was. Towns with larger populations or poorer demographics get larger grants.

Program directors keep in contact with each other and share successes. Connery



**Michelle Connery, left, and Robin Fernandes run the Agawam Family and Community Program, based at the Early Childhood Center in Perry Lane Park. Fernandes is the director of the ECC.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

said she based the Agawam home library off a similar program in Westfield, and the popular "Memory Journal" events were inspired by a similar activity in Holyoke.

The state's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement program, which

dates back to preschool subsidies in the 1990s, formerly focused more heavily on events, Fernandes said. About five years ago the terms of the grant changed. The main emphasis is now on reaching more families and referring them to other agencies — the School Department, early intervention programs, childcare centers, social services and more.

"We consider ourselves a hub of information," Fernandes said.

Agawam is entering its second year of a three-year grant, Fernandes said.



**Chantal D'Tomaso does a craft with her son, Dominic, 3.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



**Teagan Schlager, 3, play a bean bag game.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



**Jacob, 4, and Emily Searles, 2, play with plastic bugs in the sand during "World of Bugs," an Aug. 20 activity program for children sponsored by the Agawam Family and Community Program and the Agawam YMCA.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



**Juliana Fleury, 3, does some "bug art."** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 423 calls for service from Aug. 24 to Aug. 31. The department made three arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Monday, Aug. 24

Ryck Crabtree, 25, of 20 Easthampton Road, Apt. B10, Holyoke, was arrested on charges of cruelty to animal (beating with plastic bat), cruelty to animal (choking with collar), and on a straight warrant.

### Tuesday, Aug. 25

Victoria Ann Sikand, 23, of 140 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a probation warrant for failure to charge electronic device.

### Thursday, Aug. 27

Stephen Johnson, 23, of 63 Poplar Street, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 59 EMS calls for Aug. 25 to Aug. 31, and the following emergency response calls.

On Aug. 25 at 9:21 a.m., the department responded to North Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 26 at 9:29 a.m., the department responded to Anvil Street for good intent call, other.

On Aug. 26 at 7:36 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Aug. 26 at 11:19 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for refrigeration leak.

On Aug. 27 at 12:03 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for good intent call, other.

On Aug. 27 at 3:56 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Aug. 27 at 5:35 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for good intent call, other.

On Aug. 27 at 9:50 a.m., the department responded to Clover Hill Drive for attempted burning, illegal action, other.

On Aug. 27 at 3:32 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Aug. 28 at 3:32 a.m., the department responded to School Street for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On Aug. 28 at 3:45 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 28 at 2:06 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 29 at 10:36 a.m., the department responded to Muriel Lane for fire in structure other than in a building.

On Aug. 29 at 12:07 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 29 at 1:08 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Aug. 29 at 6:36 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Aug. 29 at 7:46 p.m., the department responded to Clover Hill Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 29 at 11:10 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Aug. 30 at 9:44 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Aug. 30 at 11:42 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 30 at 8:14 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 31 at 2:41 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.

On Aug. 31 at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to Riviera Drive to assist police or other governmental agency.

On Aug. 31 at 9:15 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

# St. David’s retreat open to women

The Women’s Ministry of St. David’s Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills will hold a women’s retreat from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The retreat is open to all women. To register, call the church office at 413-786-6133 or visit [www.stdavidsagawam.org](http://www.stdavidsagawam.org).

Hallie Cowan, the assistant regional director at Spiritual Formation and Prayer, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship New England, will lead the retreat. The day will be spent reflecting on how Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” and will include instruction on spiritual practices for beginners with uninterrupted time avail-

able for experienced retreat participants to have with the Lord.

There will be a brief liturgy of morning prayer followed by a devotional talk on “He makes me lie down in green pastures,” followed by time for individual quiet reflection. There is outdoor labyrinth for quiet time. A second discussion will look at “My sheep know my voice,” with more quiet for listening prayer. A boxed lunch will be provided. After lunch, participants will reflect on “Following faithfully in scary situations.” At the day’s end, there will be time to share experiences closing with evening prayer.

# Antonio Bruno benefit next weekend

Friends of the Bruno and Lloyd families will host a benefit for Antonio Bruno next weekend.

Advance tickets are available for the event 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Polish Club of Agawam, 130 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Sales will benefit the family of Antonio Bruno, the Agawam teenager who fell into a quarry earlier this summer. Antonio underwent several surgeries at Baystate Medical

Center, then went to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. He suffered serious trauma to his head and face, a broken neck and other injuries. Antonio is working hard in therapy and doctors are happy with his progress.

The event will feature food, music, raffles and a bounce house for children.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, call Cheri Rogers at 413-821-0994, Tina Sheehan-Nascembeni at 413-786-9972 or Kim Miarecki at 413-786-5634.

# English class offered at library

The Agawam Public Library will offer an interactive conversational English class every Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., starting Sept. 14. This free class is sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Library, and is open to all adult learners who are looking to improve their English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. This course will cover grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and various aspects of conversational English.

Giselle Rose-Burroughs, the instructor,

is a former Berlitz Languages instructor with extensive experience as an American English language coach. Rose-Burroughs, a native of Latin America, is fluent in Spanish and conversational Portuguese. She is a bilingual communications and publicity consultant and owner of Saphir Communications International.

These classes are free and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact Judy Clini at 413-789-1550, ext. 8855, or email [jclini@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:jclini@agawamlibrary.org).

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work was done," said Cohen. "There was some confusion when the lanes were first installed. That does happen while people get used to driving."

Accident statistics from 2014 have not been released by MassDOT.

Cohen had asked state officials for a full reconstruction of the intersection, with "flyover" ramps connecting Route 57 to Route 5 and the bridge.

"It would have eliminated the rotary all together and kept traffic flowing one way to these places," said Cohen. "But MassDOT went with the lanes because it was less expensive."

He acknowledged that the rotary has always been a source of danger because of the density of the traffic and how close some of the inlets and outlets are. He still believes the flyover plan would have been safer, but is pleased two other dangerous intersections will be getting addressed in fiscal year 2017.

The intersections with the second- and third-most accidents in 2013 were Feeding Hills Center, with 13 accidents, and the area around the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge, with 10. Both were in the top 5 accident locations in the 1999-2002 study.

The Feeding Hills crossroad is a relatively narrow intersection where Southwick Street, the main road west out of town, meets North Westfield and South Westfield streets (Route 187) and continues east as

Springfield Street. The intersection would be less congested if the state had completed the planned Route 57 highway to Southwick. The highway now ends at South Westfield Street, with Route 57 following South Westfield and Southwick streets.

The extra truck traffic has deteriorated the roads, and the lack of turn lanes to the west and east also make the intersection dangerous and inefficient. Those deficiencies are expected to be corrected by a major roadwork project currently in the design phase, and expected to be funded by the state in fiscal 2017.

The Morgan-Sullivan Bridge area, which encompasses Springfield Street from Walnut to Main and Suffield streets, along with the bridge to Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, was tied for the second-worst stretch of road in Agawam a dozen years ago, with an annual average of 29 accidents. That stretch of road sees three state routes — 75, 147 and 159 — meet, with northbound traffic funneling into one bridge over the Westfield River. It is a heavily traveled area during events at the nearby Eastern States Exposition grounds, including the Big E.

The bridge due for a major reconstruction in 2017, with work expected to address the traffic flow on neighboring streets, as well. The state-funded work was announced last year. In previous years, town officials in West Springfield and Agawam



The Agawam Rotary had by far the most accidents in 2013, not much of a change from 2004. But town and state officials hope the new lane markings painted that year will succeed in making the rotary safer. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

had been hopeful that the bridge could have been replaced using money from a proposed casino at the Eastern States Exposition. West Springfield voters turned down that proposal.

The current fourth and fifth most dangerous intersections in Agawam were not in the top 5 in 2002. The corners of Suffield and Silver streets, and South Westfield

Street and Shoemaker Lane, saw seven accidents each in 2013. There were six accidents on the South End Bridge, which was tied for No. 2 a dozen years ago, at 29 per year.

With the addition of more traffic officers, only one accident was documented near Six Flags. In 2002, the park entrance was the source of the fourth most acci-



Feeding Hills Center, heavily traveled by Westfield, Southwick, Suffield and local residents on their way to and from Agawam, West Springfield and points east, is also due for improvements in 2017.



The Morgan-Sullivan Bridge between Agawam and West Springfield, a source of heavy traffic and headaches, is scheduled for improvements in 2017, as is the adjacent intersection of Main, Springfield and Suffield streets.

## Legals

### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Cocchi for property known as 19 Jade Lane.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

9/3/15

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**AWARE** ■ from page 1

Dementia, like cancer, is not just one disease. According to Bolduc, there are more than 90 different types of dementia — Alzheimer's is the most well-known. Each one is different and ultimately affects the brain differently.

"For example, 80 percent of people who struggle with Lewy body dementia have hallucinations and Parkinsonian features. Anti-psychotic medications have adverse effects for these people. With vascular dementia, people tend to be more likely to have episodes of physical aggressiveness," said Bolduc.

There are more than 40 million people living with dementia, but one in four are undiagnosed. Bolduc said that any visible signs of memory impairment often are missed by family members or strangers. Sometimes dementia can be misunderstood as a psychotic illness.

"That's why I want to go out into the community where individuals and the community interact on a daily basis instead of trying to get people to come to our facility," added Bolduc. "In a health-care facility like Heritage Hall North, we're educated about dementia and have multiple resources. Outside, in the community, I don't believe there's enough information to help people who are struggling with dementia. The more people in the community have a clearer understanding of what a person with dementia experiences, the better job healthcare facilities can do to provide compassionate and effective care."

**Combating the stigma**

With an aging population, more and more people will be affected by dementia, Bolduc said, which makes this initiative even more important as a way to help combat the stigma often attached to people living with dementia. She added that first responders often play a "critical" role.

"Police officers, paramedics, and EMTs have a really difficult job when they need to simultaneously manage a critical situation and the behavior of a person," said Bolduc. "First responders may use medication to treat someone with dementia because they think it's the best way to deal with a physically aggressive person. But it may not be the right solution. It's critical that first responders understand the different symptoms of dementia."

So, in addition to public forums, Bolduc plans to meet with first responders who serve Agawam. "Those sessions will go beyond the basic information provided to the

general public. It will be more advanced and more specific so they can better assist a person who has dementia," she said.

**Helping spouses**

Presentations at the Agawam Senior Center will focus on helping caregivers understand how to best support someone who is struggling to manage their day-to-day life with dementia.

"This presentation will be aimed at helping spouses by giving them some tools and information about living with a person who has dementia. It's not easy, so I want to help them to be better caregivers," she said.

Bolduc's desire to help people began when she was a young girl visiting her mother, who worked in the long-term care unit at a nursing home.

"I felt connected to the geriatric population. My interests really sparked when I was in high school. That's when I felt the need to be an advocate for those who couldn't express themselves," she said.

She didn't understand dementia at that time, but Bolduc knew that they needed "extra attention and comfort." In college, she was hired to open a dementia unit in Connecticut.

"From that day, I knew that this was the population I wanted to work with during my career," she said.

Bolduc has been working directly with dementia patients at Heritage Hall North for just two years. While she's gained much insight about what families go through and the stigma associated with the disease in this position, Bolduc has also dealt with on a personal level. Her great-grandmother — and more recently her uncle — struggled with dementia.

"Part of my reason for implementing a community outreach program is personal — and that helps to fuel my passion to be a strong advocate for people struggling with dementia."

Bolduc said she hopes her outreach efforts will provide more support and understanding about dementia and their unique needs of those living with the disease. "My goal is to make Agawam dementia friendly by the end of 2016. Even small changes can create better quality of life for people struggling with the disease. When someone is given the dementia diagnosis, all of us should strive to provide the best quality of life for that person."

For more information, contact Bolduc at 413-821-0789.

**Take a seat**



The Friends of Robinson State Park announced recently the donation of two new benches by the Kayem Meat Co., with headquarters in Chelsea. The benches were installed by the swimming pond at the park and include engraved plaques displaying the park name and year. The donation was coordinated through Geissler's Supermarket. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**AHS 1975 reunion open to other classes**

The Agawam High 1975 class reunion is open to other classes interested in connecting with friends and schoolmates. The festivities are planned for Oct. 3 at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Social hour will be 6-7 p.m., with dinner and dancing to follow.

All teachers and counselors interested in reminiscing are also invited. Tickets are \$45 per person. To register, send a check to Pam Maule Colson, 301 Rowley St., Agawam, MA 01001.

**Town to hold Sept. 11 ceremony**

Agawam will conduct a brief Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in front of the Fire Department headquarters, 800 Main St. The ceremony will honor those who lost their lives in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Speaking at the ceremony will be Fire Chief Alan Sirois; the Rev. Bill Hamilton, Fire Department chaplain; and the Rev. Tim Reed, executive pastor, Bethany Assembly of God.


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Regular School Committee Meeting

Agawam Jr. High School Library  
1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – 7 p.m.

1. Call to order

2. Moment of silence

3. Roll call of attendance

4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.

5. Citizen's Speak Time

6. Highlights on Education: Convocation video presentation

7. Superintendent's notes

8. Student Advisory Committee representative update:  
a. Introduction of Robert Johnston

9. Unfinished business: None

10. Business meeting:  
a. Routine Matters  
1) Approval of minutes  
2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers

c. Reports:  
1). Scheduled reports:  
• Summer enrichment programs (paper report)  
• Summer school update (paper report)  
• Technology update – M. Feeley

2). Subcommittee Updates

11. New business:  
a. SCR-15-14, Acceptance of a \$2,500 donation from the Rays of Compassion for Children & Family to the Aspire Program at Agawam High School  
b. SCR-15-15, Approval of the Insurance Center of New England scholarship  
c. SCR-15-16, Approval to establish the Anime Club at the AJHS as an extracurricular activity with an advisor.

12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee

13. Adjournment

Fall theater camp taking signups

Applications for the Red Door Theatre's after school camp, "James and the Giant Peach," are now online at [www.reddoortheatre.com](http://www.reddoortheatre.com). Camp will take place from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Sept. 15 to Oct. 22. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.

The camps are open to children 8 to 15 years old. Children that are 8 years old must have attended at least one of the previous camps in order to attend this session.

Participants will learn acting techniques and warm-ups, play improvisational games, paint sets, design posters and program covers, and work on creating a character and on producing a great show. At the end of the six weeks, the actors put on a full-scale production with costumes, sets, lights and makeup.

For more information and ticket reservations, call 413-789-2026.

Send us your first looks, see smiles in print

What did they do to make the first day of school special? What were they wearing to impress their classmates? How cute did they look boarding the bus for the first time?

The Agawam Advertiser News would like to help you share your photos of kids heading back to school. Send in your photographs to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com) by 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to be included in next week's edition.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Actor Damon

5. Resort

8. Low continuous tones

11. Cape Verde capital

13. Abbreviation for clean

14. Shoe retailer

15. Dashery

16. Head covering

17. Canadian flyers

18. A plant fiber used for making rope

20. Prime Minister — Hirobumi

21. Hani

22. Nonexistences

25. Mexican victory holiday

30. Avowed

31. Ref

32. 2013 Philip. volcano eruption

33. Beard lichen genus

38. Tennis player

organization

41. More saline

43. New York City

45. A ship's cheapest fare

47. A winglike part

49. At the stern

50. Oral polio vaccine

55. Tatouhou

56. In addition

57. Baltic flat-bottomed boat (alt. sp.)

59. Search for

60. Gray sea eagle

61. Music timings

62. Make a mistake

63. Root mean square (abbr.)

64. Sleeveless Arab garments

CLUES DOWN

1. Speedometer rate

2. Turkish/Iranian river

3. Japanese socks

4. Drawstrings

5. Formal separation over doctrine

6. Tableland

7. Word with opposite meaning

8. Cabs

9. 45th state

10. Matakam

12. Macaws

14. Scottish hillside

19. Load for shipment

23. Sleeping place

24. Linking verb

25. Br. University

26. Marsh elder

27. Horse noise

28. Contract research organization (abbr.)

29. Excessively ornamented

34. Engine additive

35. Small bite

36. Snakelike fish

37. They —

39. Performance arena

40. Enact before an audience

41. Special interest group

42. Grows old

44. Conductor's implements

45. A heavy cavalry sword

46. Tropical ship's wood

47. A domed or vaulted recess

48. Lascivious look

51. Mentally quick and resourceful

52. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood

53. Unstressed-stressed

54. Celery cabbage

58. Wrong prefix

Answers on page 17

Banner of thanks



Summer reading program participants signed a "thank you" banner last month for Master Sgt. Christopher Cekovsky of the Air National Guard, who was a "local hero" at storytime on Aug. 11. Cekovsky's own children also participated in summer reading at the Agawam library. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Practice reading with dogs Sept. 19

SUFFIELD — Young readers are invited to practice their reading with a dog from the Allan's Angels Certified Therapy Dog Team on Saturdays, Sept. 19, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Kent Memorial Library, 61 Ffyer Place, Suffield.

This program is ideal for those who are working on their reading, feeling a bit shy about reading or looking to show off their skills. All dogs have been trained, tested and certified for therapy work. Readers can bring a book or pick one out at the library.

Individual reading sessions last 15 minutes and begin at 10:30, 10:45, 11 and 11:15 a.m. Registration is in progress.

To read more about Allan's Angels Certified Therapy Dog Team, visit the Bolton Vet website at [www.boltonvet.com/?page\\_id=121](http://www.boltonvet.com/?page_id=121). For further information, contact Wendy Taylor at 860-668-3896.

Music program Sept. 4 at library

The Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., will host "Music Together with Rachel" on Friday, Sept. 4, at 10:30 a.m. for children from birth to age 6 with an adult. This program is presented by Music Together of Greater Springfield.

Registration is required at [agawam-library.org](http://agawam-library.org) or by calling the children's desk at 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

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# Round and round



The Agawam Junior Women's Club held the annual First Time Bus Riders program on Aug. 27 at the library. Women's Club member Christina Beauchemin (pictured above, in crosswalk) led a classroom presentation about bus safety along with the "Safety Bug," Sara Mulligan. Riders then walked up to the high school parking lot to practice crossing the street, boarding the bus safely and riding in a loop around the lot. Several parents watched from the sidewalk, taking photos of their children's first rides. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY





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# Gearing up for a new school year



Celeste Basile, left, and Shaunna Rowley, fifth grade teachers at Roberta G. Doering School, sort through a box of wall charts they will hang in their classrooms.

**By Mike Lydick**  
*aan@turley.com*

The relaxing days of summer came to an end for thousands of Agawam children as they headed back to school this week. But days before schools opened and classrooms filled with students, teachers and other town employees were busy ensuring that the new school year would start smoothly.

Many teachers came in last week to start setting up their classrooms and arranging desks. They unpacked books and supplies, organized their classrooms, set up computers, put up new bulletin boards, hung wall decorations and charts, prepared new lesson plans, and sorted through many items that they had packed away for the summer.

Custodians washed and waxed floors, made minor repairs, spruced up areas with fresh coats of paint inside the schools. Outside, sidewalks were cleaned and repaired, bushes and grass were trimmed, windows were cleaned, and doors lubricated.

The photos on these pages are a sampling of some of the activities that took place last week as Agawam schools geared up for the start of a new school year.



Kim Rizzo, a new second grade teacher at James Clark School, fills new pencil boxes with colorful crayons and a traditional No. 2 yellow pencil for each of her students.

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Susan Lubarsky, a Title I math and reading teacher at Robinson Park School for grades 1 to 4, fills baskets with “counting cubes.” She uses the colorful cubes to help teach her students subtraction and addition.



Diane Donah, a kindergarten teacher at James Clark School, fills a rack in her classroom with picture books that her students will use.



Donna Carter, a second-grade teacher at James Clark School, prepares one of her classroom bulletin boards.



AHS custodian Victor Kaminski pushes a dolly loaded with classroom furniture through the school’s hallway.



Robinson Park School custodian Michael Blake strips wax from the cafeteria floor so a new coat of wax can be applied.



Patricia Lapinski, a second grade teacher at Clifford Granger School, lines up orange and green baskets she will give her students. The baskets will be used to hold books that students select from her classroom to read.



Junior high school custodians Michal Sypek, left, and Ron Astaferrero make sure the school's windows are sparkling clean for the start of the new school year.



AJHS librarian Lisa Bruno prepares for the arrival of students by making sure all the books on the shelves are arranged correctly.



Agawam High School math teacher Kim Hebert, left, helps Spanish teachers Nancy Miller, center, and Mary Jean Daly unpack classroom supplies.



Christina Liacos, a K-2 paraprofessional at Benjamin Phelps School, cuts out letters that will be used on a "word wall" in a classroom.



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by: Suellen Duga of Choice Health 

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# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

# Brownies look to be postseason contender

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam football team will be looking to rebound from yet another loss in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 Tournament.

But with another strong senior class and a great group of developing running backs, the Brownies will have a lot of options as they enter their third season in the Suburban Conference.

Last season, the Brownies went 6-2 during the regular season. They tied for the Suburban Conference title, beating out Chicopee Comp in the final league game to capture the second seed in the tournament.

Agawam beat South Hadley for the second straight time last season, and advanced to the sectional finals. The Brownies were defeated by Wahconah on the road before rebounding to defeat West Springfield for the third straight season, ending the year with an 8-3 record.

This year, Agawam will have

quarterback Troy Gallerani back. Gallerani did an admirable job last season, helping lead the Brownies offense through a tough season. He will have a viable backup option in Mike Basile, who also has the ability to play tight end. Basile is hoping to be one of Gallerani's targets this season, especially after the graduation of receiver Jason Carleton.

The tougher part for the Brownies will be linemen. Agawam has graduated several of their linemen from last year, including the Karl-Morin brothers, Nick Hope, and Mike Reed.

The Brownies also graduated Gio Russo, who was one of the top running backs in the conference. But last season, coach John Benjamin began developing several more options to take a hand off or a short pass.

Max Molta, Spencer Kozlak, Dominic Grasseti, and Nick Scuderi could all see carries this season.

Unlike many other teams this



Head coach John Benjamin goes over offensive plays with his line. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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## FIELD HOCKEY



Members of the Agawam High School field hockey team practice last Friday afternoon at Agawam High School.

# New era set to begin

*Agawam looks to rebound from tough year*

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The bad news for the Agawam field hockey team is they are coming off a season where offense was a huge struggle.

The good news, Agawam is starting a new era, with a new coach, an alumni junior varsity coach, and the three top scorers from last season are part of this season's roster.

Coming over from Westfield High School is Karen Gomez, who spent five years coaching Agawam's rival. She will bring in with her 2011 Agawam High School graduate Miranda Polaski to be her junior varsity coach.

Gomez acknowledged a lot of experience did graduate from Agawam last year, but there are plenty of talented players back with the team this season.

This year's quartet of captains are Gabby Lescarbeau, Maggie



Maddie Dube practices dribbling during field hockey preseason. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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## SOCCER

# Experience to benefit Agawam

*Depth to play key role*

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys soccer team was a streaky team last season, but the winning streaks were bigger and Agawam made it all the way to the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament semifinals.

Though they graduated one of their top scorers and another will not be returning, ninth-year coach Tom Smith expects his senior-heavy team to be very competitive and lead them to another run in the tournament.

"I think we are bringing a lot of talent to the team this year," said Smith.

Of the 12 seniors on the varsity squad this team, 10 of them are returning.

"We will have a lot of depth on our team this year," said Smith. "We had a great turnout at tryouts this year. We are maxed out."

Last Thursday, more than 70 players turned out for tryouts. There are 22 players placed on the varsity roster, 22 players on the junior varsity roster, and there is also a full freshmen team. Smith believes the depth will make Agawam competitive this year and for the next few years.

Of those 22 varsity players, eight are juniors, and just two are sophomores. There are no freshmen on the team to start the season.

Last year, Brodie Keene led the

team with 18 goals. Steve Mateus was third on the team with five.

Keene and Mateus both graduated, leaving Luis Nieves, a junior, as the team's top returning scorer.

"Luis had a great year for us last year," said Smith. "But we are definitely going to need more goals this year from other players."

He is hoping Anthony Sciartelli and Tym Regnier, who both had seven assists, will step up, along with other players. The particular group of seniors have the ability to make things happen, Smith says.

"A lot of the seniors have been playing together their entire life," said Smith. "These guys know

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Brownies look for step forward

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Last year was a major struggle for the Agawam girls volleyball team. The Brownies had graduated several of their top players and lacked the experience to compete with the rest of the region.

The Brownies started out with a 2-3 record, but went on to lose three straight, and eventually lost their final seven games of the regular season.

This year, Agawam will bring back a majority of their starting lineup from last year, returning players that are a year older and a year more experienced.

Agawam could have a senior-heavy lineup with Sarah Wyckoff, Emma Sergeychik, Gianna Perella, Cassidy Millikin, Bianca Culhane and Meghan D'Amours all among probable returners.

Paige Hardy and Caroline Hitchcock along with Abby Viens are juniors. Madison Lockwood made the team last season as a freshman.

Among the returners, Hitchcock was impressive as a sophomore with 85 kills to lead the team. D'Amours had nine aces last year. The Brownies will need to find a new setter to replace graduated Lexi Cears, who led the team with 276 assists.

The Brownies only scored wins

last year over Ludlow, Westfield, Sabais, and South Hadley.

Agawam's schedule does not get any easier this season, with several hungry teams looking for a chance at the tournament.

One positive for Agawam is a home-heavy schedule during the second half of the season. The Brownies will be playing seven of their final eight games at home, including their final four straight at home.

This means the Brownies will be on the road for the majority of the first half. In fact, five of the first six games are on the road, starting on Tuesday afternoon

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# Sports

## Tigers take Wood Bat Championship

By Nate Rosenthal

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PALMER - The Chicopee Tigers completed their inaugural season in the Western Mass Wood Bat League by winning the title over the defending champion Springfield Senators, 10-3.

After having won out in the regular season through 20 games, beating Springfield three times, the Tigers allowed just one run in their first three playoff games, sweeping past the Western Mass Blizzard in the semifinals and then beating Springfield in game one. Their hopes of going pole to pole without a loss came to an end in game two, when the Senators beat them at McKenzie Field, but the Tigers were determined to finish what they started and did so in commanding fashion with a 10-3 win at St. Joe's Field.

Pitching has been their hallmark all season with Andre Conde and Steve Lagasse and it was Conde who would be called upon to close it out. But the game did not start well for the Tigers. The Senators got three hits from their first four hitters, including a long double to score two runs. They had a 2-0 with one out and a man at second. That would be their high point. Conde got out of the inning with no more damage.

When the first two Chicopee batters grounded out, one could not help but wonder whether Chicopee had used up all of its good fortune. But a hit by pitch was followed by three hits and just like that, the Tigers had a 3-2 lead. After Conde set down the Senators in order in the second, the Tigers scored four more and led 7-2. The momentum had changed in a hurry. The final blow came in the Springfield third. They loaded the bases with no outs and were in a position to get right back into the game. While Conde was not at his sharpest, he got the next three batters without giving up a run and it was probably clear at that point that Chicopee was going to win the game. Springfield scored a run in the fifth, but Chicopee answered that with one in the fifth and two in the sixth to complete the scoring.

Matt Sullivan blooped a single to center to start off the game. Mike Chiarizio lined another hit and it was two on and none out. Conde struck out the next batter, but Pete Varley drove one long and far to right center, bringing home Sullivan and Chiarizio. Their game one starter, Jack Ryan had a 2-0 lead.

The first two batters, David Rist and John Boozang grounded out, but then Adam Zebian was hit by a pitch to extend the inning. Boozang ran for Zebian and he came home when Tim Sigda drove a ball over the left fielder's head to score Boozang from first. Boozang then came in to run for Sigda who was at second. He got to run some more when Brad Brothers belted a ball to left center for a triple to tie the game. Brothers, not being run for by Boozang, then scored on a base hit by Karl Oliveira. Chicopee had the lead and they would not relinquish it.

Conde had an easy 1-2-3 inning in the second. His teammates gave him a cushion in the their half of the inning. Ralph Edwards led off with a walk and was sacrificed by Jeff Couture. Ben Benton reached on an error and when the throw got away, Edwards scored. Following an out, Boozang singled scoring Benton and then Zebian doubled in Boozang. It was his third run of the game, the first on something he did. A passed ball moved Zebian to third and after Sigda walked, the two pulled off a double steal and Chicopee led 7-2 after two.

The make/break point came in the third when Springfield loaded the bases. Sullivan beat out an infield hit and Chiarizio reached on an error. The two were on first and second as they had been in the first inning. Ryan, this time, reached on an infield hit. Nothing was hard by the Senators, but the bases were loaded with no outs. A couple of hits and they would be right back into the game. Conde battled with Varley who had the long double in the first and after several foul balls, he got him to pop out to Zebian. Brandon Seymour hit one back up the middle. Somehow Conde got it and he threw home for the force. Zebian tried for the double play and nearly threw it away. But for a great contorted play by Oliveira, the ball would have gone into right and two runs would have scored. Conde then finished the inning with a strikeout and it was still 7-2.

Chicopee had two on and none out in their third and would come up empty. In fact, they would leave 13 men on base throughout the game. Conde had an odd game. It was three up and three down in the fourth and sixth and a relatively easy eighth when he gave up an infield single and nothing else. The odd innings were not as easy. In the fifth, he gave up a run when Varley doubled in Chiarizio who had walked. There was a hit and an error in the seventh and before he ended the game, he hit a bat-



The Chicopee Tigers won the Western Massachusetts Wood Bat League in their first year in the league. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPOTOS.COM

ter with two outs in the ninth.

The Tigers left two on in the fourth after getting a pair of walks. They scored one in the fifth as Rist singled in Paul Winiarski, but they left the bases loaded. They added two more in the sixth with Zebian walking and scoring on a wild pitch and Winiarski singling in Brothers for the final run. They left two on in the sixth and then two more in the seventh, as Benton doubled and Boozang walked.

Sigda and Winiarski were the only ones with two hits of which the Tigers totaled ten. But they did what they needed to do and won the title in their first year of the league

The Tigers came to the Wood Bat league after eight in the Full Count League. They

won the title their first six years there. In 2013, they lost in the semifinals and then a year ago, in the finals.

"We decided as a team to make the move," said coach Couture. "Before we did anything, we had a team meeting and made up our minds that if we were going to move, it would be the whole team. The guys were all in and no we are champions. That we did it together after so many years as a team is all the more gratifying."

Palmer had some representation in the game with Oliveira and Brothers on the Tigers.

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Tigers pitcher Andre Conde (21) makes a delivery to home plate.



Infielder David Rist (11) prepares to throw the ball to first base.

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# Sports

## Golf benefit winners



**AGAWAM** - Dan Jury, Tim Ayer, Bill Oleksak and Ed Racily were the winning foursome at the second annual Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament in honor/benefit for Anthony Bruno at Oak Ridge Country Club on Aug. 23. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO

## MIAA announces new concussion education initiative

*ThinkTaylor/MIAA Concussion Awareness Week begins Sept. 21*

**FRANKLIN** - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) announced recently a new initiative to help raise awareness and better educate soccer players, parents, coaches and trainers on concussion injuries and proper treatment.

In partnership with INARIA, a designer and manufacturer of soccer uniforms, apparel and equipment based in Exeter, N.H., and ThinkTaylor, a foundation driven and dedicated to changing the culture in the world of concussions, the MIAA will promote concussion awareness with special in-game features at high school varsity games across the state during the week of Sept. 21.

"The MIAA is pleased to join ThinkTaylor and Inaria in launching this groundbreaking program designed to promote concussion awareness and safety," said Bill Gaine, Executive Director of the MIAA. "The MIAA is committed to the safety and welfare of our student-athletes across the Commonwealth, and our ThinkTaylor/MIAA Concussion Awareness Week underscores that commitment. We can't wait to see the soccer fields of Massachusetts painted orange for Concussion Awareness Week, and we look forward to taking the #TTpledge."

Through its partnership with INARIA and ThinkTaylor, the MIAA's week-long concussion awareness campaign will feature INARIA ThinkTaylor orange soccer balls, wrist bands, scarves, concussion awareness (#TTpledge) bag tags for players and much more at MIAA boys and girls high school varsity games beginning Sept. 21. The orange ThinkTaylor-branded INARIA soccer balls will be used for games and the other items will be provided to players,

coaches, parents and other fans at fields around the state during this concussion awareness week.

"When our youth and parents are more educated (about concussions), their decisions will reflect that, and that is our main objective here at ThinkTaylor," said ThinkTaylor's founder, former New England Revolution/U.S. National Soccer Team star and current ESPN lead soccer analyst Taylor Twellman. "Concussion Awareness Week is an idea that we've had since the moment ThinkTaylor was started, and I can't tell you how proud I am that it starts here in Massachusetts. There's no doubt in my mind that it will spread beyond Massachusetts and beyond the sport of soccer, and we can't wait to truly make a difference in the world of traumatic brain injuries."

"We at INARIA feel privileged to partner with ThinkTaylor and the MIAA in this truly meaningful and impactful initiative," said INARIA Marketing Director Ted Priestly. "Knowing well the lengths to which ThinkTaylor and the MIAA have gone to promote concussion awareness, recognition and education, we are pleased to play our part in advancing this noble cause, raising concussion awareness through INARIA products."

Schools and athletic directors will receive the orange INARIA ThinkTaylor soccer balls, wrist bands and other items in early September. In addition, the INARIA - ThinkTaylor/MIAA Challenge will reward the high school that exhibits the most 'Orange Awareness' and spirit on social media (using the hashtag #InariaTTChallenge) with a set of custom uniforms for both boys and girls varsity soccer teams.

"That just adds to the fun," added Priestly.

and also face Turners Falls in independent action.

The Brownies last made the tournament in 2013, when they went 10-8. They defeated Chicopee High in the opening round of the tournament before losing to Chicopee Comp in the second round. Agawam made the semifinals in 2012, losing to Longmeadow, the eventual sectional champion.

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season, Agawam does have a bye week in its schedule, and is currently scheduled for just eight regular season games. They will then have a ninth and 10th game through the playoff or non-playoff schedule.

Agawam only has one independent matchup during the regular season, and that is their opening game scheduled on the road at Minnechaug at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Agawam only has three home games during the regular season this year, and then will play at home for their annual Thanksgiving Day game against West Springfield.

Agawam's three home games will all come in a row, starting on Friday, Sept. 25 against Commerce. They will play on Oct. 2 against Amherst and Oct. 16 against South Hadley.

The Brownies will be playing their final regular season at Harmon A. Smith Field before the field gets a major facelift. A project has been approved that will see it become an artificial turf stadium for the fall 2016 season.

Agawam has a scrimmage at Holyoke Friday at 4 p.m.

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**Spencer Kozlak makes the catch on a short pass.**



**Quarterback Troy Gallerani starts a play.**

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how to spread the ball around. Now we just have to score goals. I think they will be able to compete with any team standing across from us."

There will also be an experienced goalie in net with a competition emerging between senior Steve Ludtke and a returning Sean Moore. Ludtke was a backup to Alex Sours last season. Moore spent last year as the kicker for the football team. Smith will be choosing a starter this week.

Other seniors on the team this season are Brendan Garvey, Eugene Cone, Mark Vilkhovoy, Cam Verville, Tyler Wojcik, Chris

Noto, Nico Stellato, and Justin Hersom.

Agawam started out last season with a 3-0-1 record, before dropping games against Minnechaug, Ludlow, Westfield, West Springfield, and Amherst.

But the Brownies rebounded, and scored three straight wins to get over .500. They won three of four to end the season. Agawam beat Minnechaug 4-0 to start the postseason before losing 3-0 to West Springfield in the semifinals.

Agawam's season starts Tuesday at Ludlow at 6 p.m. Their first home game is on Wednesday, Sept 16 at 7 p.m. against Chicopee Comp.

## FIELD HOCKEY ■ from page 14

Belanger, Morgan Durocher, and Madison Gabel.

Gabel, Eliza Timms, and Nicole Mercadante had three goals each last year to lead Agawam. The Brownies won just three games all season and failed to make the tournament for the first time in many years.

There is no doubt Agawam will be out for revenge this season and their sights will be set on reclaiming their spot in the South League, the most competitive league in Western Massachusetts field hockey.

Agawam's defense includes Lescarbeau, Sydney Mazza, Madison Dube, and Maddy Aubrey.

Belanger will lead a core of midfielders and forward that hope to provide a lot more offense for Gomez. Durocher, Gabel, Taia Vivenzio, Nina Bruno, Bianca Toto, and Erika Sypt are among the upper classmen expected to contribute at the front for Agawam.

Timms and Mercadante, who both shined as freshmen, return for their sophomore seasons. Gomez is hoping for even more offense from them this season.

Finally, the team will return Brianna Taft to the goal. Taft was a goalkeeper last season as a freshman. She did an admirable job and kept Agawam in several of their games this season. Unfortunately, the lack of offensive support hurt her.

She will likely be backed up by Nicole Bates, a freshmen goalkeeper who made the roster this year.

Gomez reports it was a good first week of preseason, with a healthy numbers of players turning out for tryouts.

The schedule does not get any less difficult for the Brownies, with Agawam taking on Minnechaug right out of the gate on Tuesday, Sept. 8. That follows with a road trip to Amherst on Sept. 10.

Agawam will have its first home game on Monday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. against Mahar. Gomez will see her former team, Westfield, on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Agawam will have tough independent games against Holyoke and Southwick this year, as well as Mohawk, Frontier and Tantasqua.

Always tough on the schedule is rival Longmeadow, which has been a perennial champion.

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Friday, Sept. 4

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM'S large rooftop telescope will be open for public sky gazing 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Stars Over Springfield" observatory series, rain or shine. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children 17 and under. For more information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 318.

Sunday, Sept. 6

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. The museum will once again feature the exhibit, "Riverside Park — A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley." For more information, visit [www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com](http://www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com) or email [HistoricalAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricalAssoc@gmail.com).

Wednesday, Sept. 9

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 10

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The American Impressionists at Old Lyme" featuring Jeff Anderson, director of the Florence Griswold Museum, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Sept. 11

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES gets underway at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. at 7 p.m. with a concert of "Hits of the American Songbook" performed by Dan Kane & Friends.

AN ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW will be held today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Glenmeadow Retirement, 24 Tabor Crossing, Longmeadow. Proceeds will be donated to Safe Passage, an organization that works to prevent domestic violence and offers shelter for women and children.

Saturday, Sept. 12

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will host a bake sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be held with its fifth annual apple pie contest at the historic Thomas Smith House, 251 North West St., Feeding Hills. Pre-registration is required for the contest by emailing [AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com).

CUB SCOUT PACK 118 in Southwick will hold a bottle and can drive from 9 a.m. to noon at the Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. The Pack will also be selling different flavors of popcorn as its yearly fundraiser. For more information, call Jenn Schmidt at 413-575-9458.

Sunday, Sept. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St. In addition to a presentation and discussion about proof United States coins, a small auction will take place and refreshments will be available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

THE OLD COUNTRY ROAD BAND will perform country and blues music at 2 p.m. at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington. Open seating. \$10 at the door; students free. Wheelchair-access, air-conditioned. For more information, call 413-667-5543 or visit [www.northhallhuntington.org](http://www.northhallhuntington.org).

Thursday, Sept. 17

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Victorian Lady, Dressing from Corset to Gloves" featuring performance artist Kandie Carle, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Sunday, Sept. 20

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

Thursday, Sept. 24

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Reflections on Classical Music Appreciation" featuring Kevin Rhodes, music director of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Sunday, Oct. 4

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

Saturday, Oct. 17

A VENDOR FAIR will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St. An eight-foot table will be provided at no charge. Free lunch is provided for all vendors and crafters. Application deadline is Sept. 19. For more information and applications, call Sandy at 413-786-8024.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will host a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds to benefit the church.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

ONGOING

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email [RosemarySandlin@gmail.com](mailto:RosemarySandlin@gmail.com)

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats' milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needleworkers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

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## Bethany to host divorce, grief support groups

Bethany Assembly of God will host its DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids, and GriefShare support groups beginning Sept. 9. Meetings will be held Wednesdays at 580 Main St., Agawam, and will meet for 13 weeks; each session begins at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people separated or divorced. This seminar will meet in room 104 at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare for Kids is especially designed for children age 5 to 11 of divorce or separation. This seminar will meet in room 105.

GriefShare is designed for those that have lost someone close to them or know someone who has. This special weekly support group will meet in room 103.

For more information and to register for any of these groups, call 413-789-2930.

## Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

**Monday, Sept. 7:** Labor Day. Senior Center closed.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 8:** Chicken cordon bleu, baby potatoes, California blend vegetables, applesauce.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, fresh squash, baked good.  
**Thursday, Sept. 10:** Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, pudding.  
**Friday, Sept. 11:** Linguini and red clam sauce, spinach salad, Jell-O.

Calendar of Events

**Monday, Sept. 7:** Labor Day. Senior Center closed.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 8:** 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club meets, S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 12:30 p.m., movie ("Letters to Juliet"), Mah Jongg, ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4 p.m., ADA

meeting; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 7 p.m., Garden Club meets.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11 a.m., information table with Mark Whitney; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.  
**Thursday, Sept. 10:** no quilting during September; 9 a.m., exercise class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., free blood pressure check with Nurse Sherry, open art class, pitch; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.  
**Friday, Sept. 11:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi restarts; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 7 p.m., Applause Series free to the public (Dan Kane & Friends).

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# ‘Plan your own day’ in New York City

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor a “plan your own day” bus trip to New York City Saturday, Nov. 14. Activities such as museum and gallery exhibits, theater and music performances, street festivals and shopping are available to those going on the trip. A member of the council acting as leader on each bus will be available to help with information and suggestions along the way. The buses are scheduled to make five stops in Manhattan, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center and Radio City, Times Square and TKTS, 34th Street (Macy’s), and, finally, the South Street Seaport. Riders may elect to get off at any of these scheduled stops.

Buses will depart at 7 a.m. from the Roberta G. Doering School, formerly known as the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., at the parking lot in the rear of the building. Riders are asked to arrive no later than 6:45 a.m.

Tickets are now available for purchase. The price has been held at \$35 per person.

This is a popular trip and seating is limited to 108, so reservations should be made as early as possible. Ticket availability is updated daily at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org) under “Bus Trips.”

The bus will leave New York City for the return trip at 6:30 p.m. and will be back in Agawam between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

For more information, call 413-789-1201. Ticket reservations are not available at that number. To reserve a seat, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made out to “Agawam Cultural Council” to Agawam Cultural Council, 153 Anthony St., Agawam, MA 01001.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

# United Methodist to celebrate 50th anniversary

The Agawam United Methodist Church will host a free ice cream social from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. The celebration is to thank Agawam for 50 years at the church’s current location at 459 Mill St., across from Agawam High School. The public is invited.

There will be a special worship service at 10 a.m. to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building. A new prayer garden at the foot of the outdoor illuminated cross will also be dedicated in honor of those who built the church. The garden is open 24 hours a day for prayer or meditation, and all are welcome.

The roots of Methodism in Agawam go back to 1799. The Methodist Church in Agawam was located for most of those years at 18 S. Westfield St. at the center of Feeding Hills. In the early 1960s, the decision was made to move from Feeding Hills Center to a larger location on Mill Street. The new A-framed church was completed in 1965 and the church began worshipping there in March 1966. The original Feeding Hills Center church building still stands and is now the Calvary Assembly of God, a primarily Korean congregation.

# Citizens’ Legislative Seminar coming in Oct.

BOSTON — State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, announced last week that he is seeking nominees to participate in the 75th Citizens’ Legislative Seminar to be held Oct. 20-21 at the State House in Boston. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared toward adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process.

“I am happy to once again offer my constituents the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the legislative process through this engaging seminar, which provides unique insight and increased transparency into an often complicated process,” said Humason.

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts, the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the clerk of the senate and the future of the Legislature. The seminar will walk participants through the legislative process, including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

“The Citizens’ Legislative Seminar is part of the Massachusetts Senate’s ongoing effort to increase civic engagement

and open up the democratic process. It’s the perfect chance to come and gain an insider’s perspective from elected officials and staff on how the legislature works,” said Senate President Stan Rosenberg, D-Amherst. “This is an excellent learning experience and I encourage those interested to contact their senator.”

The CLS culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as “senators” in the Senate chamber in order to have a firsthand experience of the legislative process.

Interested residents in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District are invited to contact Humason’s district office at 413-568-1366 by Monday, Sept. 21, in order to be nominated by Humason. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first-come basis.

The district includes Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Holyoke, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield, and part of Chicopee.

Humason maintains a district office and encourages constituents to contact him there at 64 Noble St., Westfield, MA 01085, at 413-568-1366, or at his Boston office, State House, Room 213A, Boston, MA 02133, 617-722-1415. His email is [Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov](mailto:Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov).

# Sign up next week for adult classes

Registration for the fall semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 9 and 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Agawam High Career Center, connected to the counseling offices.

Late registration will be accepted, by appointment only, up until the nights of the first week of classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 22 and 23, from 5 to 6 p.m. Late registration costs an additional \$10 per class. Students registering during the first week must attend the first night of class.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Sept. 23, ending on or about Dec. 16. Classes begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. All Agawam Adult Education classes are held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., Agawam.

Due to the increasing numbers of enrollment, absolutely no partial payments will be accepted. The full tuition charge of \$125 per course must be paid at the time of registration. Cash or certified checks (bank checks, money orders) should be made payable to Agawam Adult Education. No personal checks will be accepted. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there are an insufficient number of students registered for a course. The administration re-

serves the right to cancel courses for lack of enrollment or change the day a course may be offered.

Those persons interested in working toward an Agawam Evening High School diploma or certificate of attainment must call ahead of time to schedule an appointment with Shawn Tatro to enroll. These students must bring with them a transcript of any course work completed and any MCAS test scores since ninth grade and beyond, and a letter of withdrawal from the previously attended high school. The SASID number must also be provided in the letter.

The following courses will be offered this semester:

Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m.: English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, physical science, business and computers.

Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m.: algebra 1, algebra II, geometry, U.S. history, world history.

If Agawam schools are closed because of inclement weather, evening school is also cancelled. Local radio stations will also announce any cancellations. Makeup days for inclement weather will be scheduled during the term. There are no classes Wednesday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving eve.

For more information, contact Shawn Tatro, director, at 413-726-1676, 413-821-0527, or visit [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org).

# Residents among Mattoon St. Arts exhibitors

SPRINGFIELD — Agawam designer Sarah Platanitis, gourd artist Cecil Rossi, Kimmy Koi Art and Anne Marie Guiel will be among the more than 100 artists and crafters exhibiting at the 43rd annual Mattoon Street Arts Festival, to take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 13 in downtown Springfield.

This free arts and crafts show is held on a street lined with restored brick Victorian row houses in the city’s first historical district. It is the oldest arts and crafts show in Western Massachusetts.

Entertainment will include violinist Stacia Filipiak, mariachi guitarist Judy Simonds, saxophonist Paul LaValley, Bill Glenny’s Dixieland Duo, lutist Meg Pash,

piper Chris Cunningham, vocalist Vickie Phillips, saxophonist George David, accordionist Jim Dascanio, the Lisa Gomes Duo, and the Mike Finnerty Duo.

Food will be provided by Mexitalia Restaurant, Elke’s Catering, April’s Wings ‘n’ Things, Crepes Tea House, Rico Peru Latin Flava and Alvin’s Ice Cream.

Mattoon Street is off Chestnut Street, just four blocks east of exit 7 from Interstate 91. Free festival parking is in the TD Bank lot on Dwight Street and Harrison Avenue. On-street spaces are free on weekends.

For information, call Bob McCarroll at 413-736-0629 or visit [www.mattoonfestival.org](http://www.mattoonfestival.org).

# Chamber Food Fest tickets now available

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Food Fest West from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The event will feature the foods of area restaurants, including Chez Josef, Classic Burgers, Crestview Country Club, EB’s, Hofbrauhaus, Murphy’s Pub, Partners Restaurant, Pintu’s and more.

Proceeds raised by Food Fest West will support the Partnership for Education and the West of the River Chamber Educational Fund, which provides grants to businesses for on the job training and continuing education needs.

Tickets, which are on sale now, are \$25

in advance or \$30 at the door. They may be purchased online at [www.westoftheriverchamber.com](http://www.westoftheriverchamber.com).

Key sponsors of this event are Ormsby Insurance Agency Inc., Insurance Center of New England and V&F Auto. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; call 413-426-3880 for more information.

The Chamber provides legislative advocacy, marketing and sponsorship opportunities, networking, educational and information programs for businesses in Agawam and West Springfield.

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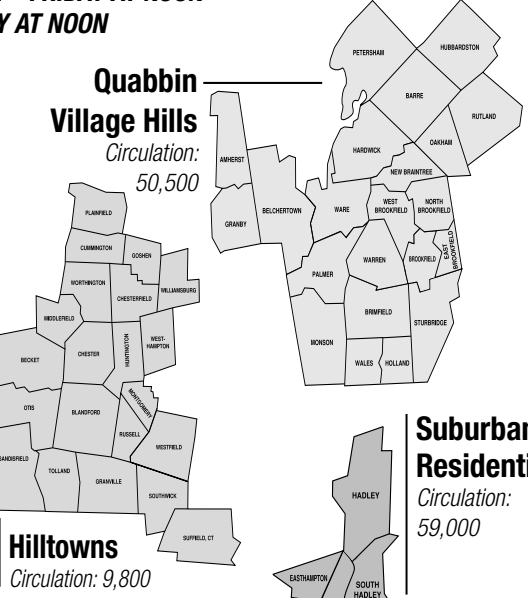
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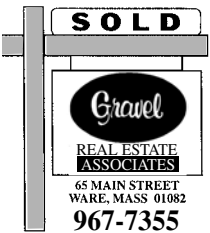
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Agawam agency names new employees

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Marie Rosema of East Longmeadow has been named marketing coordinator. She earned her master's degree in marketing management and holds a bachelor's degree in graphic design and marketing.

David Farwell of Feeding Hills has been named account manager in ICNE's Small Business Unit. He is a certified commercial lines coverage specialist and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice

Mary Leveille of Broad Brook, Conn., has been named benefits administrator. She holds a bachelor's degree in health science.

Colleen Caban of East Longmeadow has been named personal lines account manager. She is a licensed insurance broker for

personal lines.

"As an independent insurance agency, we put the needs of individuals, families and businesses first," said William Trudeau, president and chief executive officer of Insurance Center of New England. "We are independent agents for more than two dozen insurance carriers, but we represent our customers, working as their advocate and advisor in the often complex world of insurance. We are proud to add Marie, Dave, Mary and Colleen to our staff to continue our commitment to putting customer needs first."

With roots extending back to 1866, Insurance Center of New England advocates for customers and offers an expansive array of insurance products from high quality, reputable insurers. The agency is headquartered in Agawam and has six other locations throughout the state.

Malkoon Motors moves to new location

Malkoon Motors recently moved from the point at 1039 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, to its new location at 825 Springfield St., Agawam. The dealership reopened in mid-August and installed the new "Malkoon Motors" signage. Malkoon's would like to thank all its valuable customers that have been patiently waiting for this conversion to be completed.

The dealership is open Monday through Saturday and by appointment for auto and truck service. The public is invited to stop in and say hello to Paul, Lynne, David, and Dean and view the new inventory of late model foreign and domestic vehicles.



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WORSHIP SERVICES  
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WORSHIP SERVICES  
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jesussaves.7@comcast.net  
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789-2026

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David L. Short, Pastor

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Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
Saturdays: 5 p.m. Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
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Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.  
Thursday: Communion Service

# Our Town

## Lavin to give convocation at Bay Path

LONGMEADOW — Lindsie Lavin, an Agawam native and a 2006 graduate of Agawam High School, has been invited to give the 2015 convocation speech on Sept. 8 at Bay Path University. She is a 2010 graduate of Bay Path and has been a member of the science department at Wilbraham & Monson Academy for more than two years.

Widely regarded as one of the most popular teachers and dorm parents on campus, she is the head coach for girls lacrosse and skiing, as well as an assistant coach for field hockey. She is also co-advisor for the Class of 2018 and assistant director of Beech Tree Summer Camp. "I'm thrilled to be able to return to cam-



Lindsie Lavin

pus as the 2015 convocation speaker," said Lavin. "The school has grown tremendously since I have graduated, so I am honored to have been chosen to help open its academic year and welcome more than 300 new students, in addition to the senior class. Additionally, I'm excited to see some of my former professors and other folks I worked closely with during my four years."

At Bay Path, Lavin served as class president for all four years, played field hockey and worked as a residential assistant. She has stayed involved by serving as a member of its alumni council.

Lavin's convocation speech will touch on the theme of living life to the fullest.

## Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Please include your first and last name.

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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Jordon St. John were Norma Turcotte, Karen (Luccardi) Connors and Larry Scherpa.



## A Sunday stroll



An Agawam Advertiser News reader spotted this black bear traveling in the area of Southwick Westfield Street and Pine Street in Feeding Hills on Sunday, Aug. 30. The newspaper welcomes readers' photos of local wildlife sightings. To send your photo, email [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Tickets available for Salem bus trip

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West Springfield Park and Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to Salem, Mass., on Saturday, Oct. 17. The bus leaves 26 Central St., West Springfield, at 8 a.m. and departs Salem at 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$50 per person. Guests will purchase their own tickets to haunted houses either prior to the trip online or that day. The Haunted Neighborhood runs a special for \$20, which includes

tickets to three places. Those in attendance will have the whole day to explore historic Salem, including the Old Burying Point graveyard, memorial to the witch trials, Salem Wax Museum, Salem Witch Museum and the many shops at the Brick Marketplace. Prizes will be awarded for kids and adults that come dressed in costumes.

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# 2015-2016 DISTRICT PRIORITIES

- CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SECURE FUNDING FOR NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
- BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIVE BARGAINING UNITS
- CONTINUATION OF AHS ATHLETIC FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
- ADD MORE HAND-HELD DEVICES FOR STUDENTS TO BETTER ACCESS THE CURRICULUM
- COMPLETE SCHOOL INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK (S.I.F.) COMPLIANCE WITH STUDENT SCHEDULES & E.P.I.M.S.
- IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDENT IMPACT RATINGS (GROWTH)
- CONTINUE TEACHER TRAINING WITH SHELTERED ENGLISH IMMERSION (SEI)
- CONTINUE ASSOCIATION WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK TO SERVICE AT-RISK STUDENTS
- DISTRICT WIDE SUPPORT TEAM
- EXPANSION OF VIDEO PRODUCTION COURSE TO INCLUDE USE OF NEW VIDEO STUDIO AT AHS
- COMPLETE PURCHASE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS MATERIALS FOR AHS
- GATEWAY TO COLLEGE PROGRAM : AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH STCC
- REDESIGN OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM
- IMPROVE INTERNET INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY USE
- ONGOING EMERGENCY EVACUATION MEETINGS WITH POLICE DEPT., FIRE DEPT, & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
- CONTINUE INTEGRATION OF SECURE CLOUD TECHNOLOGY (AGAWAMED.ORG)
- EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMON CORE FACILITATORS
- INVESTIGATE FUNDING SOURCE TO SUSTAIN MASSACHUSETTS MATH & SCIENCE INITIATIVE GRANT (MMSI)
- EVALUATE SECOND YEAR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
- REVIEW UTILIZATION OF SURVEYS RELATING TO THE NEW TEACHER EVALUATION INSTRUMENT
- CONTINUATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLCS)
- CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE DISTRICT’S TEXTBOOK NEEDS
- CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY & SECURITY TASK FORCE GUIDELINES
- CONTINUE TO REPLACE EXISTING CARPETING WITH TILE IN CLASSROOMS AS NEEDED
- CONTINUE THE RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) PROGRAM
- EXPAND BREAKFAST PROGRAM TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS
- EXPANSION & PAVING OF ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL PARKING LOT

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